

### REMARKS

This amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Official Action mailed November 6, 2006. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration by the Examiner and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

In the final Official Action, Claims 1 – 4, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oncken et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,725,719 in view of Nakano et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,845,260. Oncken et al. was cited as disclosing every feature of Claim 1 and the rejected dependent claims except for parental restriction of spending any funds on restricted classes of goods and services such as alcohol and tobacco. Nakano et al. was cited as disclosing this. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth hereinafter.

Nakano et al. is not prior art against the present application. The application from which the Nakano et al. patent issued was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 1996, which is the earliest possible prior art date that can be used for the Nakano et al. patent. Although the Nakano et al. patent claims priority benefit of an application filed in Japan on February 6, 1995, under the Hilmer Doctrine no benefit is given to the earlier filing date. In re Hilmer, 349 F.2d 859, 149 USPQ 480 (CCPA 1966).

The Examiner acknowledges that claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 13 and 14 enjoy the April 16, 1996 priority date of Applicant's U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/585,173. The '173 Application was originally given a January 11, 1996 "receipt date" by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. On March 15, 1996 a "Notice to File Missing Parts on Application – No Filing Date" was issued by the Patent Office, on which this receipt date was noted and the '173 Application Serial No. was assigned. A copy of this document is enclosed. Applicant re-submitted the Application with a claim and drawings and received the April 16, 1996 filing date.

These documents, which are in the possession of the Patent Office, demonstrate that Applicant conceived of the presently claimed subject matter before the January 24, 1996 filing date of Nakano et al. and constructively reduced it to practice no later than April 16, 2006, well within the deadline established by the Patent Office for Applicant to supply the Missing Parts of the '173 Application. Until he received the March 15, 1996 Notice from the Patent Office, Applicant had no idea that his Application was not qualified to receive a filing date. After that he promptly resubmitted a qualifying application.

Applicant's earlier conception and subsequent diligent constructive reduction to practice disqualifies Nakano et al. as prior art against the presently claimed invention. The Examiner acknowledges that features of the presently claimed invention are not taught or suggested by Oncken et al. and are only disclosed by Nakano et al. Stated another way, the rejected claim are not obvious in view of Oncken et al. alone under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Accordingly, by disqualifying Nakano et al. as prior art the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Oncken et al. in view of Nakano et al. has been overcome. Reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oncken et al. in view of Nakano et al., and further in view of Hilt et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,465,206. The Examiner acknowledged that Oncken et al. and Hilt et al. did not disclose information being supplied by e-mail, but cited Hilt et al. as disclosing this. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth hereinafter.

The rejection of Claim 12 is also overcome by disqualification of Nakano et al. as prior art for the reasons given above with respect to the other rejected claims. Accordingly, reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 12 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of the cited combination of prior art is also respectfully requested.

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Accordingly, in view of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if there are any remaining issues in this application to be resolved. Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's deposit account number 19-5425.

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A complete specification in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.

2. ☐ A drawing of Figure(s) \_\_\_\_\_ described in the specification is required in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 111.
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